

Cow Head Lake Groundwater Basin

- Groundwater Basin Number: 6-91
- County: Modoc
- Surface Area: 5,600 acres (square miles)

Basin Boundaries and Hydrology

The Cow Head Lake Groundwater Basin is located northeast of Surprise Valley. The basin consists of Quaternary lake bed deposits and is bounded on all sides by Miocene volcanic rocks (Gay 1958). Annual precipitation is approximately 13- to 17-inches, increasing to the east.

Hydrogeologic Information

Water-Bearing Formations

The primary water-bearing formation in the basin is Quaternary lake bed deposits. These deposits consist of clay, silt, sand, and gravel to a depth of approximately 300-feet based on a single well log on file. Intermittent layers of volcanic rock are encountered below that depth.

Hydrogeologic information was not available for the following:

Groundwater Level Trends

Groundwater Storage

Groundwater Budget

Groundwater Quality

Well Characteristics

Well yields (gal/min)	
Municipal/Irrigation	NKD
Total depths (ft)	
Domestic	687 (1 Well Completion Report)
Municipal/Irrigation	
NKD – No known data.	

Active Monitoring Data

Agency	Parameter	Number of wells /measurement frequency
	Groundwater levels	NKD
	Miscellaneous water quality	NKD

Basin Management

Groundwater management:	No known groundwater management plans, groundwater ordinances, or basin adjudications.
Water agencies	
Public	None
Private	None

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Errata

Changes made to the basin description will be noted here.